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FOR SCARRITT - EA/EX AND THOMAS - A

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ABLD, MY

SUBJECT: CHANCERY PROSPECTS - SABAH HOUSE

REF: SCARRITT/DILLON TELCON OF NOVEMBER 3

1. OUR CURRENT ASSESSMENT IS THAT THE SABAH STATE GOVERNMENT NOT INTERESTED IN LEASE/PURCHASE ARRANGEMENT. IT IS LIKELY, HOWEVER, THEY WOULD ENTERTAIN PROPOSAL FOR STRAIGHT PURCHASE DESPITE FACT THEY HAVE COMMITTED THEMSELVES TO SELL TO GOM. WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT PRICE WAS AGREED ON, BUT BELIEVE IT MUST HAVE BEEN LESS THAN M\$10 MILLION (US\$4 MILLION) ASKING PRICE.

2. WE BELIEVE GOM MADE OFFER TO BUY SABAH HOUSE FOR ESSENTIALLY POLITICAL REASONS AND FOR THE MOMENT AT LEAST HAS NO CONCRETE PLANS FOR ITS USE. WE ARE, THEREFORE, EXPLORING THIS QUESTION WITH GOM. IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT WE COULD ENTER INTO LEASE/PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH GOM; IT IS ALSO CONCEIVABLE THAT GOM, ON LEARNING OF OUR SERIOUS INTEREST MIGHT WITHDRAW ITS OFFER.

3. IN ANY EVENT, WE CONSIDER VISIT OF AMAT TEAM WORTHWHILE, ALTHOUGH IT IS UNLIKELY THAT WE WILL HAVE DEFINITIVE ASSESSMENT OF GOM INTENTIONS BEFORE TEAM ARRIVAL.  
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